

## ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 131

Introduced by Preister, 5;

WHEREAS, Johnny Goodman was born and raised in the packing house district of South Omaha; and

WHEREAS, he was orphaned at age 14 and worked to support his younger siblings while finishing high school by attending night classes; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Goodman overcame these obstacles to become one of the nation's eleven greatest golfers of all time to win both the U.S. Amateur Championship and the U.S. Open Championship, joining Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods, Bobby Jones, Gene Littler, Jerry Pate, Chick Evans, Francis Ouimet, Jerome De Travers, and Lawson Little; and

WHEREAS, he won sixty golf tournaments in his career, including the Nebraska City Championship at age 16, the 1927, 1931, and 1935 Trans-Mississippi Tournaments, the 1929 Nebraska State Amateur Tournament, the 1933 U.S. Open Championship, where he set a course record, and was the last amateur to win that championship, the 1936 and 1937 Mexican Amateur Championship, and the 1937 U.S. Amateur Championship; and

WHEREAS, his other achievements include becoming the lowest-scoring amateur in the 1932, 1935, and 1937 U.S. Open Championships, representing the United States by playing on three

consecutive Walker Cup teams in 1934, 1936, and 1938, and becoming a finalist in the 1934 U.S. Amateur Championship; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 U.S. Amateur Championship marks the seventieth anniversary of Johnny Goodman's 1937 win of the championship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

That the Legislature salutes Johnny Goodman the week of August 20-26, 2007, as one of Nebraska's greatest golfers and as the winner of several prestigious national championships.